

TITLE 9. Rehabilitative And Developmental Services
Division 1. Department of Mental Health
Chapter 12. Mental Health Program Standards for the Community Treatment Facility
Article 5. Continuing Requirements

(1) Amend Section 1921(e) and add (f) to read:

1921. Licensed Mental Health Treatment Staffing.

~~(e) Each CTF shall have qualified nursing staff in the facility on a twenty-four (24) hour basis.~~

(e) A CTF shall not be required by the State Department of Mental Health to have 24-hour onsite licensed nursing staff, but shall retain at least one full-time, or full-time equivalent, registered nurse onsite if both of the following are applicable:

(1) The facility does not use mechanical restraint.

(2) The facility only admits children who have been assessed, at the point of admission, by a licensed primary care provider and a licensed psychiatrist, who have concluded, with respect to each child, that the child does not require medical services that require 24-hour nursing coverage. For purposes of this section, a "primary care provider" includes a person defined in Section 14254 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or a nurse practitioner who has the responsibility for providing initial and primary care to patients, for maintaining the continuity of care, and for initiating referral for specialist care.

(f) Other medical or nursing staff shall be available on call to provide appropriate services, when necessary, within one hour.

Authority cited: Section 4094, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 4094 et seq. and 14254, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Section 1502, Health and Safety Code.

(2) Amend Section 1922 to read:

1922. Required Staff Training.

(a) All staff persons working directly with children shall receive training in the following areas:

(1) *no changes*

(2) *no changes*

(3) *no changes*

(4) All direct care staff shall be trained in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and in emergency intervention techniques and methods approved by the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services.

(b) *no changes*

Authority cited: Section 4094, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 4094 et seq., Welfare and Institutions Code; and Section 1502, Health and Safety Code.